

**DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes:      October 21, 2020**

**Approved Nov. 4, 2020**

Present:    Tag Carpenter, Chair, Nicole Walters, Vice-Chair, Chris Andrew, Arthur Evans, and Sheila Lynch-Benttinen. Dante Iannazzo and Ed Mayo were absent.

*Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering.*

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and confirmed that members present could be heard by mentioning their name and receiving an affirmative response. He then read the following preamble:

*"This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order, which you can find posted on our agenda, allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. For public access please email at [DuxHistoricalCom@gmail.com](mailto:DuxHistoricalCom@gmail.com) or call in at 1-929-436-2866 for questions or comments.*

*This meeting is convening via Zoom video conference and is being recorded. The recording will be made available via video on-demand on PACTV's website."*

**1.      Open Forum.** No discussion

**2.      Minutes.** Minutes of the October 7 meeting were approved as written by a 4-0 vote (one commissioner arrived late).

**3.      New Demolition Delay Applications:**

a.      *339 Powder Point Avenue, ca. 1890, partial demolition/restoration.* Owner Richard Kelleher and contractor Peter Bickford participated and outlined plans for restoration of this 130 year old cottage. Wrap around porch and one second story section need to be removed so house can be raised for installation of new foundation. Porch and section will be replaced, with an additional room added on west side of house. Moved and seconded that while the house is historically significant in terms of period style, the proposed partial demolition and renovation are preservationist in nature and a demolition delay should not be imposed. Passed 5-0

b.      *246 Gurnet Road, total demolition.* House has no foundation, no heat, is on a small lot, is in poor condition, but presently occupied. Owner wants to build new year round house. Moved and seconded the house at 246 Gurnet Rd. is representative of the vernacular, or cottage style architecture built in the Gurnet Rd. area in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is historically significant for that reason. Defeated by unanimous vote: 5-0. No demolition delay imposed.

**4.      Demolition Delays in Effect**

a.      *184 Marshall Street, expires Feb 6, 2021.* Alternatives meeting set for October 26; commissioners Depranos and Mayo will represent the DHC.

b.      *313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021.* New owners in residence. Believed to be restoring house.

- c. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* Draft letter to owners from the Chair reporting on his and Building Commissioner Jim Wasielewski's site visit is still in process.
- d. *57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* Alternatives meeting proposed for Nov. 2.

**5. Administrative Matters**

- a. Town history on DHC website. Draft expected in time for Nov. 4 meeting
- b. Review of DHC communication process. Commissioner Lynch-Bentinnen proposed an image of a "Certificate of Appreciation" that would be given at the end of each year to the owner of a house that had been restored in the previous year. The names of builders, architects, etc. would be mentioned in the citation. The DHC would have an "Awards Night" to present the certificate and ask the *Duxbury Clipper* to cover the event. Commissioners liked the idea and agreed Ms. Lynch-Bentinnen should pursue and develop it further.
- c. Demolition Application form clean-up. The Chair will circulate a final draft incorporating ideas discussed at prior meetings.

**6. Executive Session.** The Commission went into an executive session to discuss developments with 761 Temple Street and names of possible recipients of the "Certificate of Appreciation" award (above).

**7. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:20 PM. The next meeting of the Commission will be held remotely on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 PM.

New Materials Received:

- 1. Demolition Application dated October 7, 2020 for 339 Powder Point Ave.
- 2. Demolition Application dated October 7, 2020 for 246 Gurnet Road

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*